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Via Facsimile

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A.G. Kawamura  
Secretary  
California Department of Food and Agriculture  
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Sacramento, CA 95714

Mr. Kawamura:

We fully support and embrace the implementation of a floor price of \$14.50 per hundred wt. This industry has been hit and hit hard by deplorable milk prices for too many years. So long, in fact, that we have seen many of our friends and neighbors sell their farms and file bankruptcy. Dairy farming is a demanding and exhausting business. Those who chose to dairy do so because they care about farming and are willing to work hard to get the job done. Paying less than what it costs to produce the milk they sell is a travesty.

If something isn't done, and done right away, more and more dairies will close and gone will be the farms owned by families with integrity and valuable historic knowledge of farming. We implore you to heed the petition and set a floor price for our milk. In this current economic state it certainly only make sense to support those who are out there working for a living instead of dooming them to financial insecurity.

Sincerely,

  
Mrs. Stephanie Poldervaart